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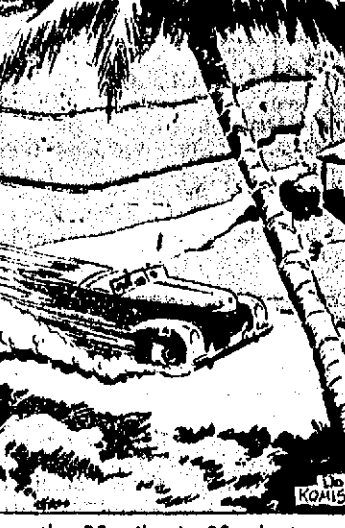
There wasn't much left...



We drove the 80 miles in 80 minutes.



I looked at Ellen and we walked away from there. I told her how strange it seemed to me. I told her that every bomb we had dropped, real or four-sack, every machine gun bullet we had fired, every maneuver for weeks and weeks had been directed at the vision of one opponent—Germany. And now it was Japan!



I had to get to March Field quickly. Ellen had my car, so we drove to my mother's house, said goodbye and then drove the 80 miles to March Field in 80 minutes.

WAR WAS A PART of my every thought at March Field as we came up to the runway of the old field at we came up to the runway of the old field. And a lot of things were happening that I wanted to share with Ellen. I missed her.

During the first week in September, I found out that the squadron was going off on a long maneuver with a lot of bombing and night flying. Anything can happen on those things, so when I learned about the assignment, I called Ellen on the long-distance phone and told her what I was thinking. Ellen flew up from Los Angeles to Spokane, where I went to meet her. That night, with Ellen...

Grimy and Frank Grubbs, my classmates at March, stood up for us, we drove to a place named Cour de Lena, Idaho, and got a justice of the peace out of bed to marry us. He opened up the courthouse for us, near midnight.

It was a real nice wedding. Two days later our bunch took off for Jackson, Miss., and soon we were in a slant battle that rarely got around to being slant. Later, Butler, another man from our class, wasn't as lucky as the rest of us. His B-25 went into a show ground roll while taking off. Its 100 engines ignited, and there wasn't much left of anyone or anything by the time the ambulance and fire apparatus got to the plane.

It was Dec. 6 when we got back to the West Coast. Ellen was there at March Field waiting for me. We had been married 85 days and together only two.

Ellen and I were walking out of the Pig's Whistle, on Hollywood Blvd., the next morning, when we heard about Pearl Harbor. There was a radio on a newsstand. We just stood there with the other people listening to the hullabaloo. The Japs! I couldn't figure it at first. What about that Peace Envoy... what's his name? How the devil did they get bombers as far East as Hawaii?

I was in the war.

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By Hershberger

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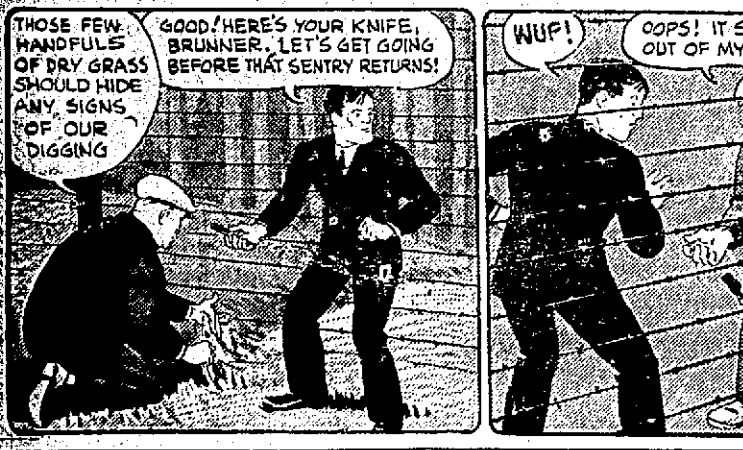
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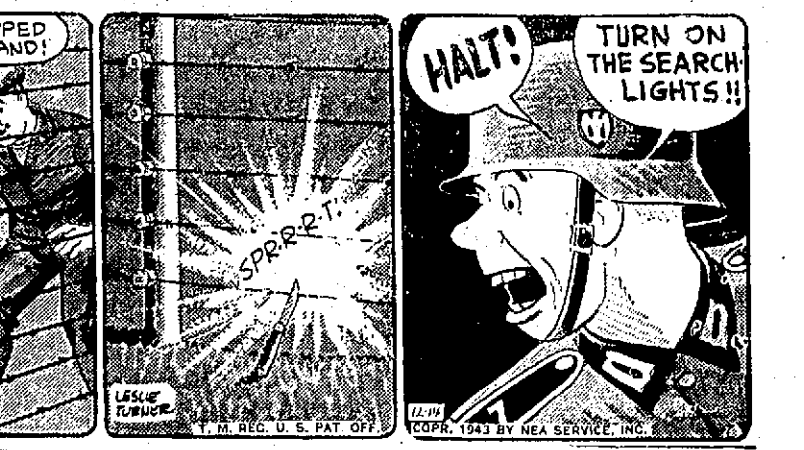
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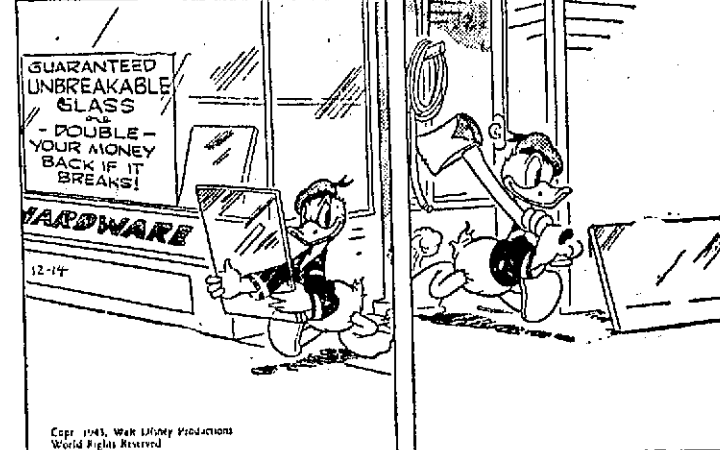
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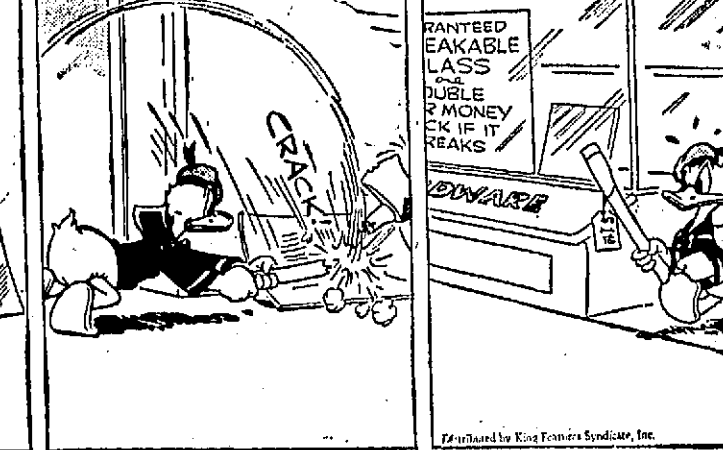
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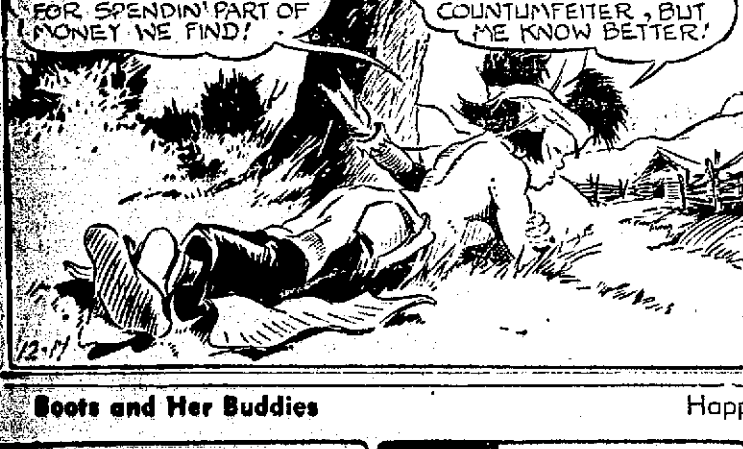
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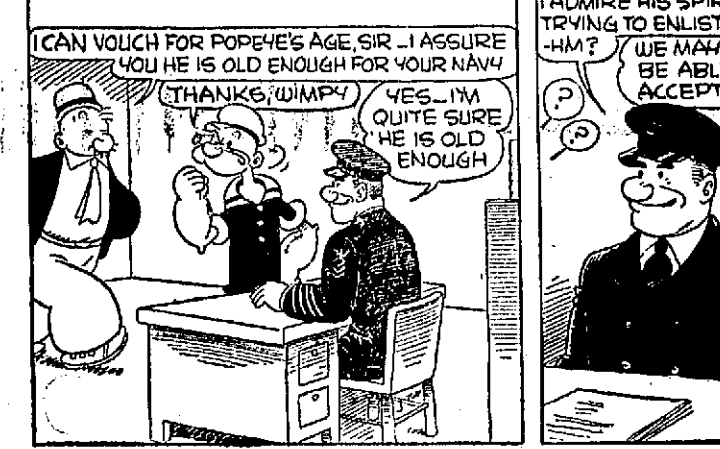
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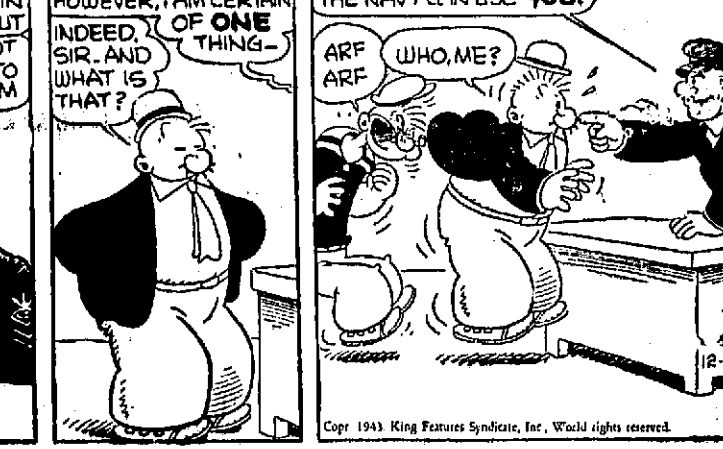
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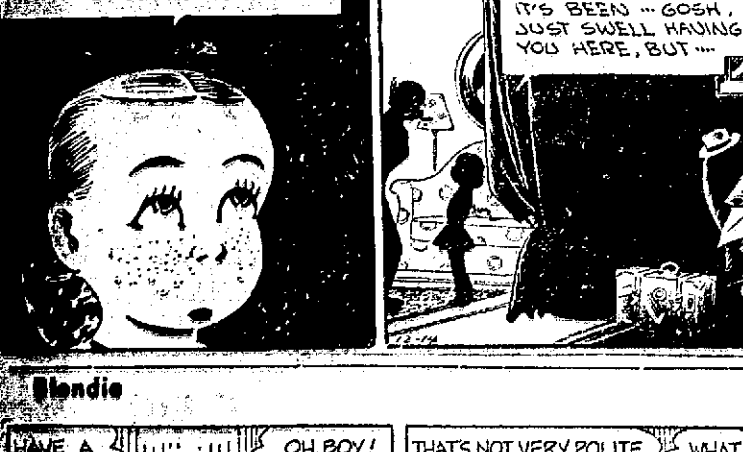
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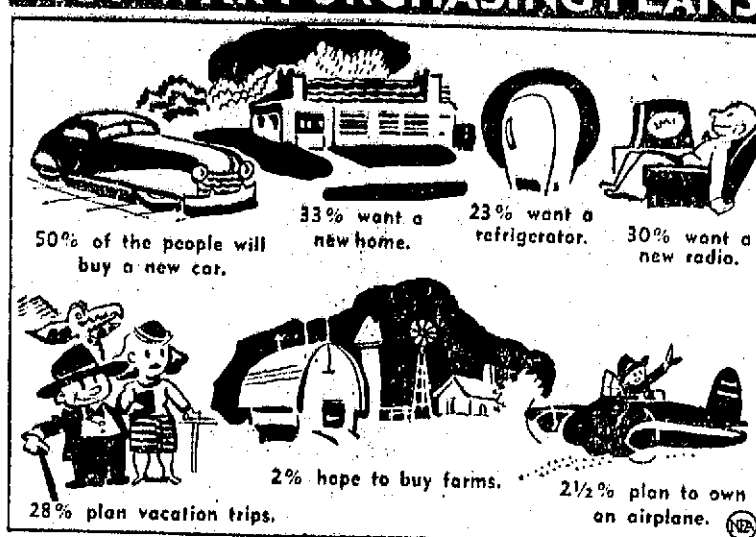
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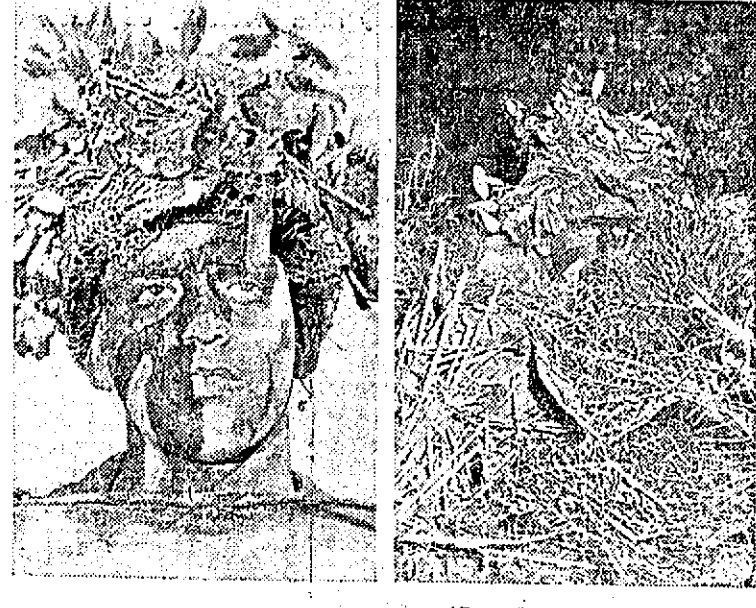
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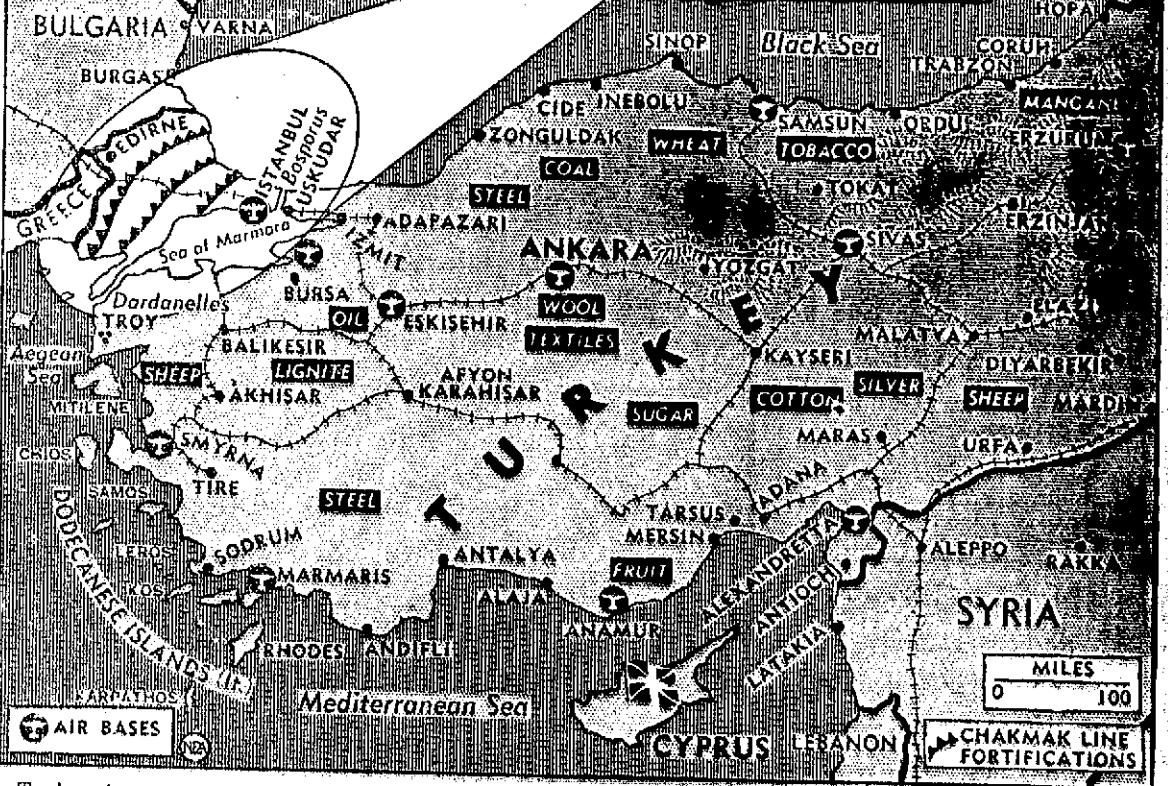
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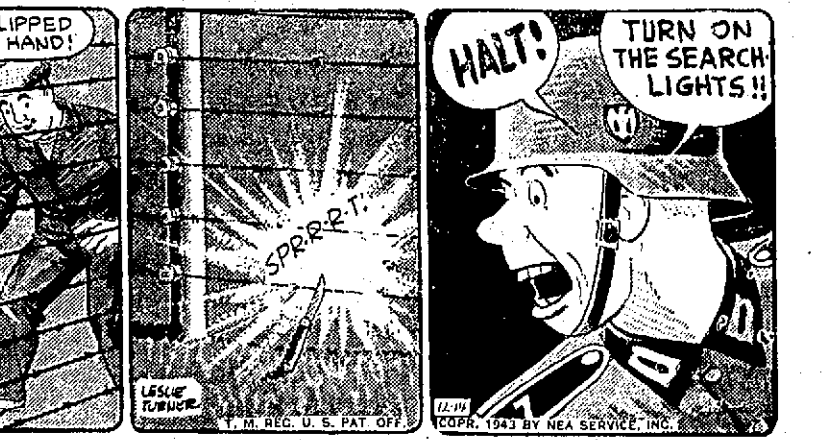
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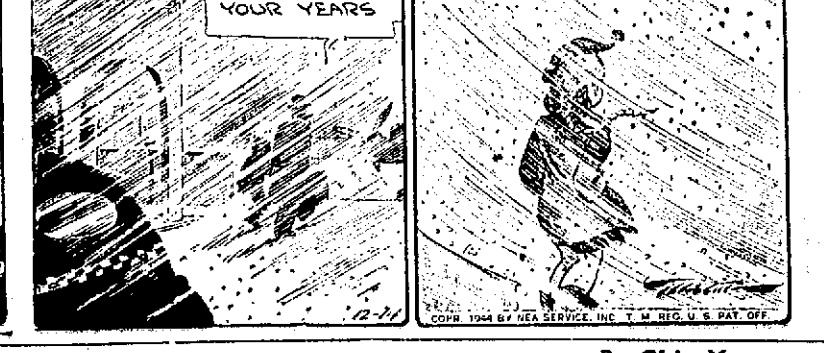
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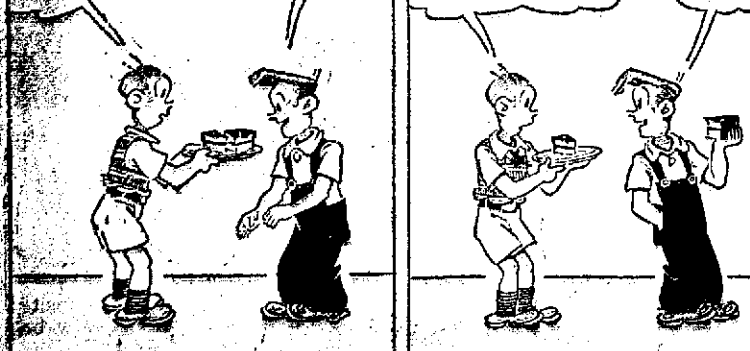
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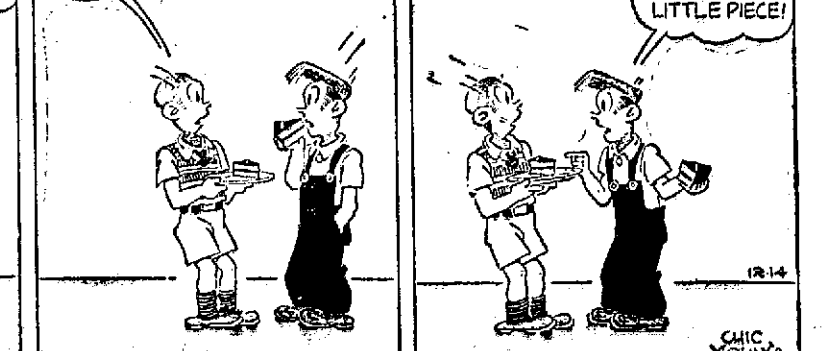
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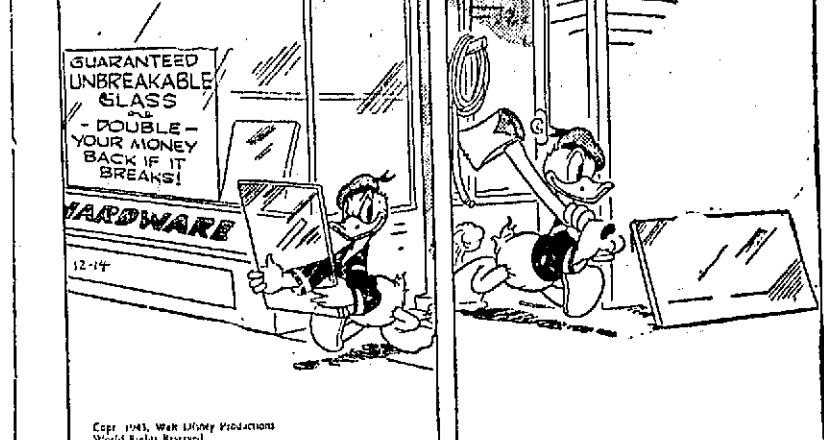
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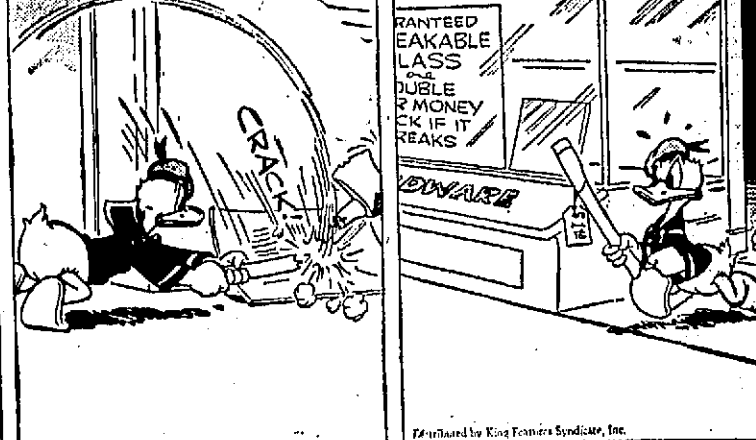
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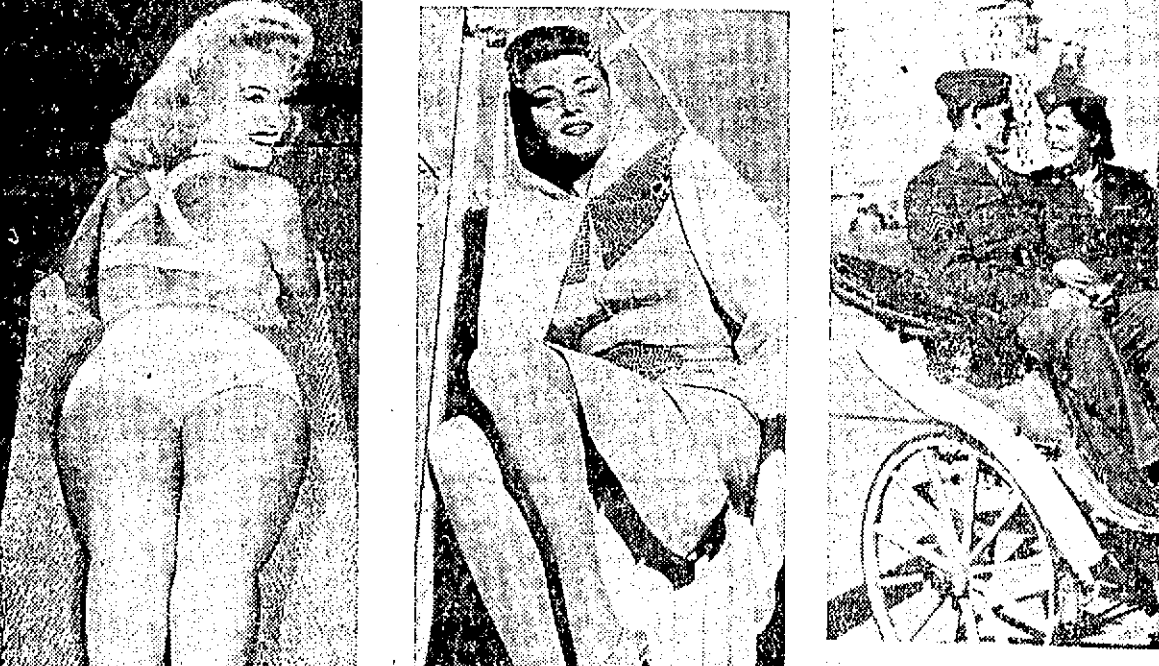
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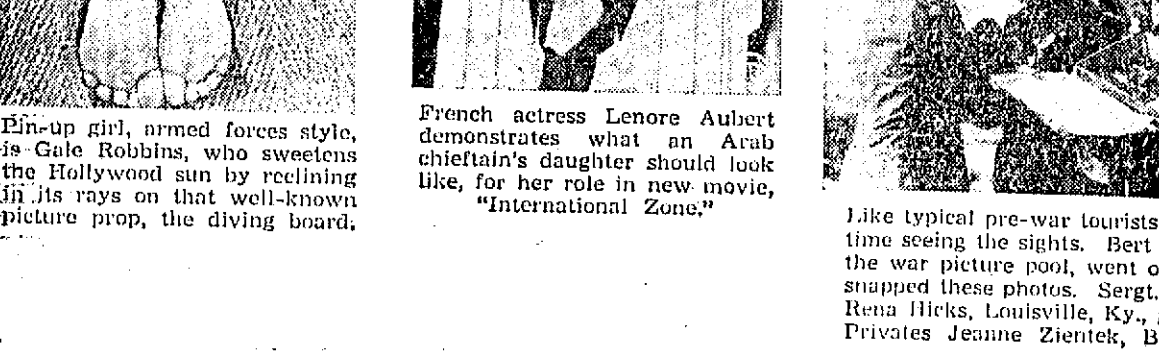
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SIGHTSEEING WITH THE WACKED IN ITALY



Like typical pre-war tourists, American WACs in Italy spend free time seeing the sights. Best Brand, WAC-A-Home photographer for the war picture pool, went on their tour of the Caserta area and snapped these photos. Sgt. Frank Friel, Portland, Me., and Pvt. Rena Hinks, Louisville, Ky., go sightseeing in a carriage, top left; Private Jeanne Zientek, Buffalo, and Jerry Horn, Laredo, Tex., lower left. Perfect place for a pose is the weird-faced fountain in the Caserta royal gardens.

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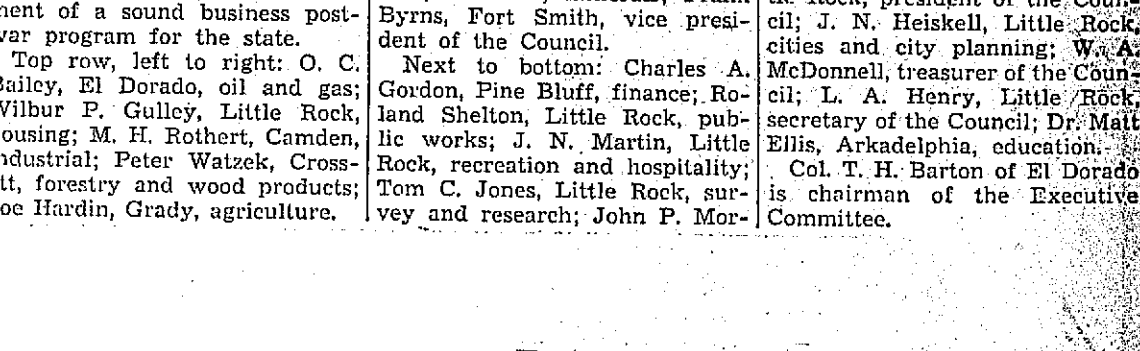
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By HARRISON SALIBURY  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
London, Dec. 15 — UP —

days after reporting that the German onslaught west of Kiev.

The map illustrates the German offensive into the Soviet Union. It shows the Dnieper River and the Crimean Peninsula. Key locations marked include Kremenets, Khorovk, Znepolovsk, Kirovograd, Kirov, and Krasnodar. A scale bar at the bottom indicates 0 to 100 miles.

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west from Kremenchug,  
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## Cautions.

The best Nazi bet — if they could  
do it — appeared to come up from  
the south and outflank the Poles  
sians on the east bank.

Field reports said, however, that

## Phony Laid Checks

—Frank J. Hill announced that the United States Secret Service has ordered merchants to exercise caution in checks from strangers this holiday season, as check fraud is on the rise during the Christmas rush. "Assure your customers that you are not extending credit to anyone on whom you are not confident. Do not be mislead by the sight of a prepared or worthless instrument which may be later cashed in advance," he said.

Don't trade out your cold hot checks," he warned. "Everybody will carefully follow instructions laid down by the Service, they can put the burger out of business."

**DO YOU RECEIVE CHECKS** — Endorse the check until you usually in the presence of

Dnieper bend where today were steadily expanding their quests.

In the Dnieper bend country, Soviet forces were slowly but relentlessly pushing the Germans' on three fronts. They had already started south from recently-taken Cherkassy in a drive point

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**Man Added to Weekly Staff**

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Montreal, Dec. 15 —(AP)— snow-bound city of 90,000 return to normal today after settlement of a 14-hour strike by its police, and public works employees, residents expressed relief the city had passed without major disorders.

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